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FOOD FOR VICTORY—BONDS FOR SECURITY

CENTURY BURIAL ASSOCIATION SERVING THROUGH 15 FUNERAL HOMES IN STATE

Prominent Insurance Executive Congratulates The Century Voice

The Bond You Promised To Buy

Behind every machine, large or small, there is a power, a driving or pulling force; it may be propelled by steam, electric, human energy or the human heart itself, but there must be a generating power. Back of this big war machinery is a power—it is the Bonds we purchased for security, not the bonds we promised to buy. Those bonds which have only been promised will never turn the wheels of production. If we want to live under a Hitler regime, just never make good that promise you made to buy war bonds. When we cease to lend our money, they cease to give their lives. Our money is keeping life in the soldier, ammunition in the guns.

If you have saved money for a bond, don't use it for anything else—remember, Bonds mean your security against not only a postwar depression, but a Hitler ruled country.

"Serving America"

Joining in a nationwide celebration of "We Serve America" week, sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women, war workers residing in Wake and Midway Halls, Government dormitories in Washington, D. C., paid tribute Wednesday evening, July 7, to the contributions of women to the war effort.

The Washington celebration, which included a community songfest conducted by Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, noted pianist and composer, was part of a national celebration which included public meetings in New York City, Chicago, Toledo, O., and several other cities during the week of July 4-10.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and President of the National Council of Negro Women, opened the celebration in New York City on Independence Day by addressing a meeting of more than 2,000 persons at the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church. Other speakers at this meeting included Mrs. John Hall, of Boston; Mrs. Arenia Mallory, of Lexington, Miss., and the Rev. B. C. Robeson, pastor of the church.

A parade and open-air mass meeting highlighted the celebration in Chicago on July 5 where Mrs. Helen Curtis of Brooklyn, N. Y., a veteran of overseas service in the last war and present director of the Fulton Street Canteen, was the principal speaker. Other speakers included Mrs. Nell Hunter, of the War Bond Savings Staff of Washington, D. C.

Addressing the Washington, D. C., celebration at Wake and Midway Halls Wednesday evening, Mrs. Bethune declared:

"This is a grand hour for us. This is the hour when cooperation, love and sacrifice are so much needed; when men depend so heavily on the courage and strength of womanhood."

Comparing the present opportunities for women with those of the last generation, Dr. Bethune admonished young women to make double use of their training and opportunities.

"The demand for labor is great," she said, "and will continue to be so great for many years to come that industrialists will not stop to think or inquire who you are or of what race you are. If you can do anything well, you will find opportunity to put your talent to wide use."

Dr. Bethune also lauded Miss Jeanette Welch, executive secretary of the Council, for organizing the national celebration which began with the distribution of a poster drawn by E. Simms Campbell, noted Negro artist.

The celebration was scheduled to close on July 11 with a "We Serve America" tea at the Lucy D. Slowe Residence Hall, another Washington, D. C., dormitory for Negro women war workers. The occasion also will be used to celebrate Dr. Bethune's birthday which falls on July 10.

Releases Statement

A financial statement of the Delta National Bank, at the close of business, June 30, 1943, is carried in this issue. We are very anxious that every reader take note of this creditable statement which shows Capital Stock and Surplus to be \$450,000.00 with a banking business of over Six Million Dollars.

The Delta National Bank is a safe and dependable bank, with a competent and considerable personnel. It is a member of the Federal Reserve System. It provides any type of accounts one may wish to open.

The best time to open an account is now—you will never feel more proud than when you save a little of what you earn and watch it grow into something big. The Delta National Bank will be glad to serve you and solicit your patronage.

What We Eat

One of the most essential factors in winning the war is the proper dieting. So important is this, the government has set up what is called a War-time Nutrition Program in which food demonstrations are held in various states. The demonstrations show how to maintain well balanced meals even under the food shortage and rationed conditions.

To produce weapons, food and all other war supplies requires longer hours and harder work, thus it can clearly be seen why the right food in the right amounts should be well explained. During wartime scarcity, people need to know more about the selection, purchase and preparation of food, as it is through this knowledge, the strength and energy is kept at top condition.

Wartime Food Demonstrations are sponsored by the Nutrition and Food Conservation Branch of the War Food Administration. They are carried out in the community by State and local Nutrition Committees affiliated in most cases with local Defense Councils and composed of professional nutritionists interested persons, State Officials and Federal representatives. Organizations of the committees began in May, 1941, and has now been completed in more than 2,800 out of a total of 3,070 counties in the United States.

Food for Victory is knowing what to plant in your Victory Garden, what to buy at your grocery and how to prepare for health, strength and energy.

Office of War Information

FOOD

According to the War Food Administration, more LAMB and MUTTON will be available to residents of Pacific Coast States this month. Slaughterers in this area have been permitted to increase their deliveries of these meats.

An increase in retail prices of about 4 cents on No. 2 size cans of ASPARAGUS and 1½ cents on MUSTARD GREENS and TURNIP GREENS can be expected as a result of the establishing of dollar-and-cents ceiling prices on the 1943 pack at the canner level by Office of Price Administration.

Limitations on the manufacture of PET FOODS have been renewed by the War Food Administration. The limitations provide a minimum maintenance diet for household animals and restrict the use of protein supplies.

To insure adequate supplies of CANNED SARDINES for military, Lend-Lease and civilian requirements, the Government has assumed complete control over the catching and delivery of West Coast sardines for the duration of the war.

Instructions have been issued by Office of Price Administration to insure that hospitals may obtain necessary supplemental allotment of RATIONED FOODS so that no patient will suffer from dietary deficiency.

Bond Rally

More than 400 Negro Bluejackets of the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., "went ashore" recently, to attend a bond rally dance at the Savoy Ballroom in Chicago as guests of the Joe Louis Service Guild.

The dance closed a three-week bond campaign conducted by the service organization, with the assistance of fourteen Chicago clubs, during which more than \$100,000 worth of bonds were sold. Mrs. Poe Louis, wife of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, is president of the Guild.

More than 3,000 persons purchased a war bond or a \$1 savings stamp to gain admittance to the ballroom. A special feature of the evening was the Bluejacket swing band from Camp Robert Smalls, parent camp of the two devoted to the training of Negroes at Great Lakes. Talent from various Chicago night clubs also appeared on the program.

Claimed By Death

Mrs. Jossie Williams passed away at her residence in North Lintonia, Sunday morning, July 18, 1943. Mrs. Williams was the wife of Mr. Hawkins Williams, successful and well known farmer of this county. The Century Burial Association had charge of the funeral.

Complimentary Letter

T. J. Huddleston, Jr.,
Editor, The Century Voice,
Yazoo City, Miss.
Dear Tom:

Accept my congratulations for your fine publication, The Century Voice. I have read, with growing interest, each copy that you have published.

To my mind, you are doing a great work through your paper as I understand it serves more than 100,000 Negroes, which means that a wealth of information and general news of interest reaches the masses of your people. A newspaper is quite an influential instrument in a home and I am very pleased to note that The Century Voice carries such news as will influence for the good and betterment of your people.

The fact that your paper goes to many soldiers means that at home and abroad, The Century voice is making itself felt and known. I know these boys on the war field gained strength through the information that your people purchased \$100,000.00 worth of war bonds, making it possible for a quicker victory.

You have my best wishes for the continued growth of The Century Voice.

Yours very truly,

BARNWELL & BARBOUR,

By A. F. Barbour.

Good News For Men

Mr. James L. Oliver, representative for The Leonard Custom Tailors Company is now in Cincinnati, Ohio, the company's Home Office, selecting Fall and Winter samples and styles for men's wear. Mr. Oliver is well known throughout the State and the company he represents has stood for quality materials over a long period of years. Any man knows he has quality in Leonard Custom apparel and knows he is well fitted if measured by one of their representatives. Mr. Oliver writes that he will have an excellent line for the coming Season and we are passing this good news on to the men.

Yazoo County Association Meets

The Yazoo County Baptist Association held a three days session at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. The Association was well attended and carried over its program in a splendid way. On the second night of the meeting, the local program was presented which included a welcome on behalf of the Junior Matrons Aid, an exceptionally active group in the church which has as its president, the energetic Mrs. Esther Coleman. Mrs. Eliza Huddleston extended the welcome for the Junior Matrons which was very appropriate and well delivered. The welcome for the Sunday School was given by Mr. D. W. Lindsey, Superintendent. Mr. Lindsey also assured the Association a most cordial welcome. Many of the leading ministers were present and took part in making the meeting a success, and those who attended were greatly benefited.

IN THE BULLETIN

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DISTRICT MEETING DATES

TOTAL NUMBER OF CENTURY DEATHS

AGENT WHO WRITES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH

AGENT WHO MAKES THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN REMITTANCE DURING THE MONTH

LEADING DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

There is much talk these days about War-time Necessities. Business is slowed up on account of the shortage of labor. Trips are cancelled on account of the rationing of gas and tires—all these conditions are due to "War-time Necessities"—The war needs the men, the rubber and the gas, all three of which are necessary to the operation of a Burial Association.

The Century Burial Association has proved fortified against many taxing situations and now in the midst of a World War, it has, thus far, proven fortified. The acid test of anything is how well it reacts under unfavorable conditions. Because of the fifteen (15) funeral homes scattered over the state, the Century Burial Association has been able to give its usual service. No funeral car has had to bear the brunt of over mileage. These fifteen funeral homes are so located that they serve with ease all parts of the state and bordering states.

It is the purpose of the Association to maintain a high standard of service at all times and when conditions become so acute as to prevent it from doing this, things have gone beyond shortages and rationing—they will have become completely and definitely taken from civilians. What we are trying to impress is this, as long as there are considerations and even limited provisions made for civilians, the Century will be making efforts to serve its people on the best possible standards.

Shortage Of Teachers Seen

Concern over a growing shortage of teachers in rural schools is expressed by the Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission. The committee, of which Miss Margaret Hickey is chairman, today advanced a 6-point program for women's groups seeking to avert a critical situation in their school systems and reduction of educational standards. The suggested program follows:

1. Campaign against restrictive hiring specifications with regard to marital status and religion.
2. Influence local school boards to raise teacher's salaries within WLB limitations.
3. Initiate campaigns to emphasize education as an essential activity so that teachers and potential teachers will understand they are engaged in such an activity.
4. Urge women who have left the teaching field because of marriage to return for the emergency.
5. Urge high school graduates to enroll in teacher training courses.
6. Persuade inexperienced teachers and those returning to the field to enroll in refresher courses.

Although the WMC has declared teaching an essential activity, Miss Hickey said, thousands of teachers are leaving their profession. According to an Office of Education survey, more than 100,000 rural teachers left their teaching jobs between May and October 1942. During the 1942 summer vacation almost 18,000 of these teachers went into the armed services. "Approximately 34,000 found jobs in urban schools, where the rate of pay is higher. More than 22,540 left the teaching profession entirely for work in other fields and 15,000 left because of marriage or retirement.

It was necessary to fill more than 100,000 vacancies in rural schools last fall and this year, Miss Hickey said, adding that the need next fall will be even greater unless definite action is taken.

"Women's groups," she said, "can initiate both national and local campaigns to emphasize the importance of education. The war has brought additional responsibilities to the teaching profession. We are fighting on far flung fronts to make possible a free world. We must fight on the home front to prepare our future citizens to live and work in such a world. Otherwise victories won at tremendous cost will be lost through ignorance of the principles of democracy. Our children must be worthy of the freedom for which their fathers and mothers are fighting and working."

"School services must be expanded, not contracted, to stop too early withdrawals, falling attendance and other inroads on the educational well-being of our young people."